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ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM;

NSC STAFF FOR ROBERT OAKLEY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, LE

SUBJECT: RAYMOND EDDE

1. WE HAVE NOT BEEN BOTHERING TO REPORT ALL THAT RAYMOND EDDE HAS BEEN UP TO RECENTLY. HE IS STILL OF COURSE ACTIVELY RUNNING FOR THE PRESIDENCY AND NEVER MISSES AN OCCASION TO TRY TO SEIZE A HEADLINE BY A GLAMOROUS STATEMENT. THE LATTER USUALLY INVOLVES THE "AMERICAN PLAN" FOR THE PARTITION OF THE LEBANON WITH SMALL ELEMENTS OF THE COUNTRY BEING USED TO PLACATE ISRAELI ASPIRATIONS. I HAVE SPENT HOURS ARGUING WITH HIM BUT TO NO AVAIL AND AM CERTAIN THAT BUFFUM AND OAKLEY WILL HEAR ABOUT IT AD NAUSEUM. HIS OTHER KICK, AGAIN WHICH I DO NOT THINK IS NEW, IS THE INABILITY OF THE ARMY TO DO ANYTHING AND THE FUTILITY OF TRYING TO CREATE EVEN A MODEST LEBANESE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT. AGAIN, WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS FOR HOURS BUT HE REFUSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT A LEBANESE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT CAN EVER SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING FOREGOING, OAKLEY AND BUFFUM WILL FIND EDDE AS CHARMING AND AS GOOD COMPANY AS EVER. THEY

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ALSO, I BELIEVE, WILL BE PUT UNDER SOME PRESSURE TO HAVE

HIM RECEIVED BY OTHERS WHO WILL CATCH A FEW MORE HEADLINES,
AT LEAST IN BEIRUT. HIS TRIP SO FAR TO EUROPE, WHICH
HAS INCLUDED PARIS, LONDON AND NOW ROME, HAS NOT REPEAT
NOT BEEN VOID OF LEBANESE POLITICAL ANGLES.
GODLEY

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